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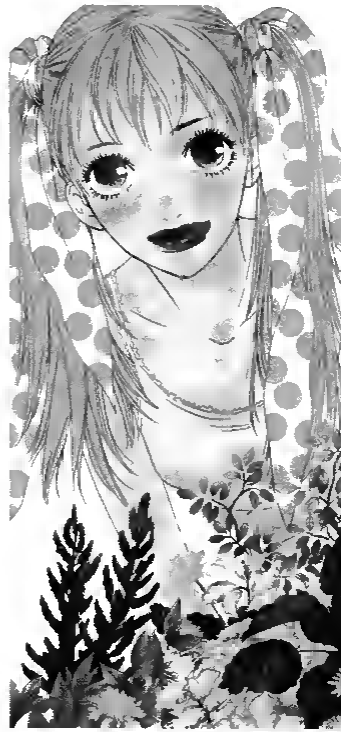
Iketani Rikako



JUST WON THE ONE HUNDRED MILLION YEN LOTTERY
MADOKA.
MAMA AND PAPA...
Cook
EEK!

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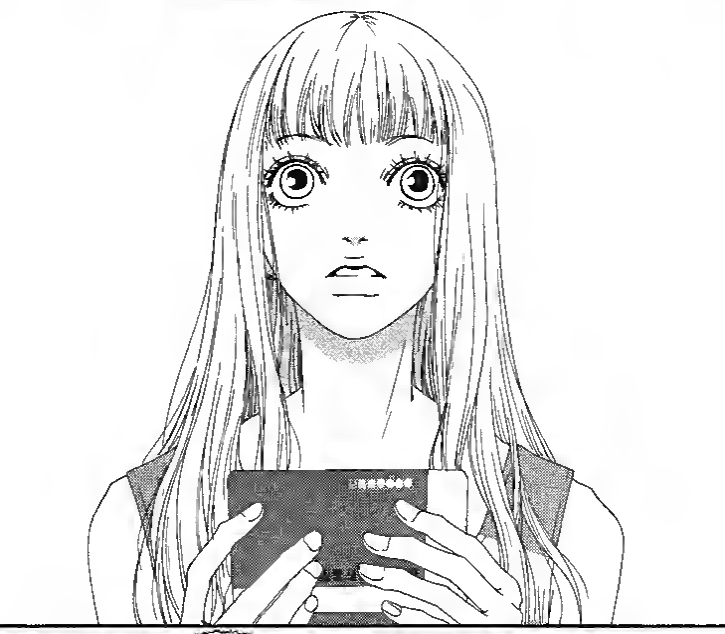

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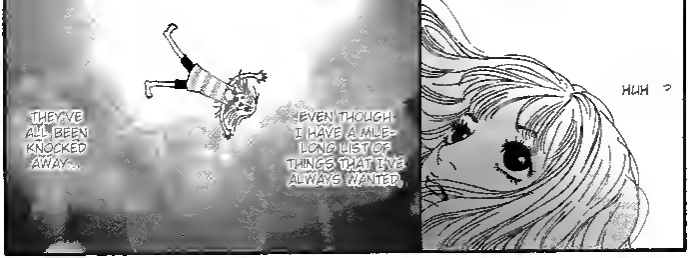
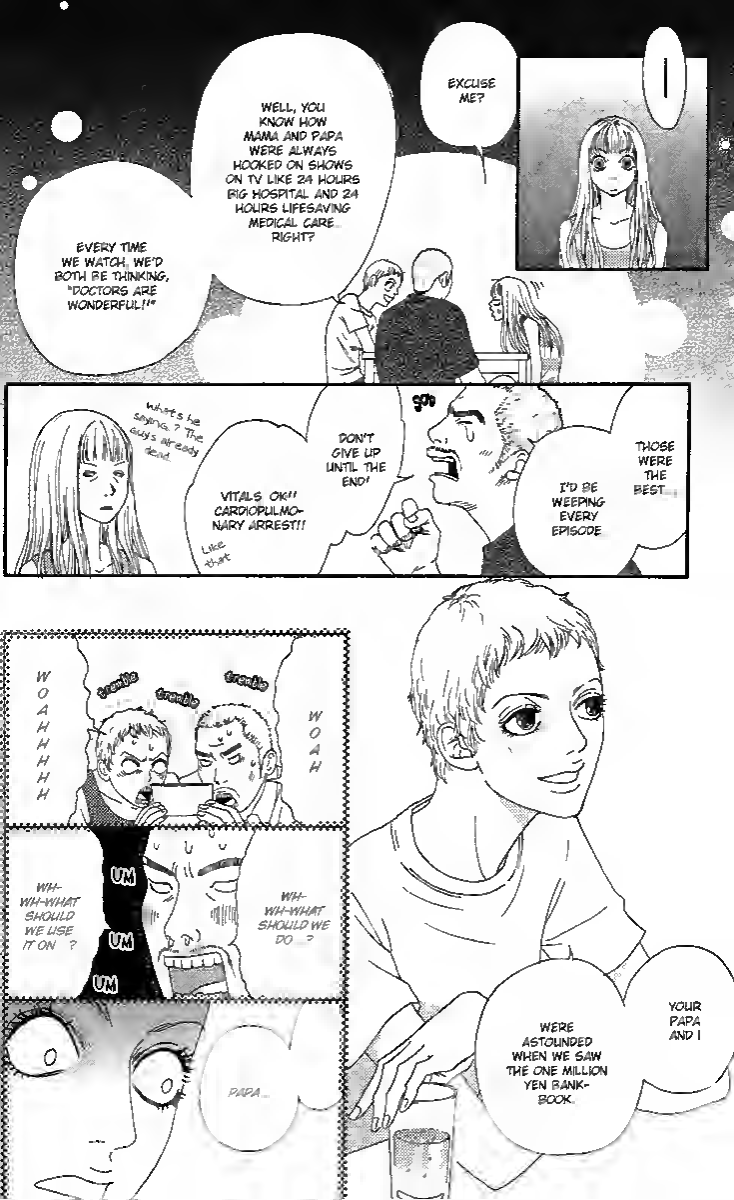

THEY'VE ALL BEEN KNOCKED AWAY...
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A MILE-LONG LIST OF THINGS THAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED,
HUH ?

WE LIVE IN AN OLD 2K HOUSING COMPLEX WITH AN OLD, ENORMOUS TELEVISION SET, AND FURNITURE THAT IS QUITE SOMETHING ELSE ALTO-GETHER
PAPA IS EMPLOYED AT A SMALL CONTRACTING FIRM AND MAMA WORKS PART-TIME IN A BREAD-MAKING FACTORY
SMIRK
SMIRK
SMIRK
SMIRK
— Y-YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

AND I'M SURE THERE ARE OTHER DEBTS THEY'VE BUILT UP ALONG THE WAY...
AND THEN THERE'S PAPA WITH HIS BIKE LOAN.
BUT BECAUSE BOTH PAPA AND MAMA LOVE THE SLOT MACHINE, I'M BETTING THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SAVED UP.
I WOULDN'T CALL OUR FAMILY DIRT-POOR.
I WANNA RIDE ON A HELICOP-TER!
I!
I...
!!
!!

NO.
WHYYYYY?!
SCREECH
WE'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON WHAT TO USE THE MONEY ON, RIGHT?
RIGHT!
THE BOTH OF US
WILL BECOME DOCTORS!


EXCUSE ME?
WELL, YOU KNOW HOW MAMA AND PAPA WERE ALWAYS HOOKED ON SHOWS ON TV LIKE 24 HOURS BIG HOSPITAL AND 24 HOURS LIFESAVING MEDICAL CARE... RIGHT?
EVERY TIME WE WATCH, WE'D BOTH BE THINKING, "DOCTORS ARE WONDERFUL!!"
THOSE WERE THE BEST...
I'D BE WEEPING EVERY EPISODE...
DON'T GIVE UP UNTIL THE END!
VITALS OK!! CARDIOPULMONARY ARREST!!
Like that
What's he saying...? The guy's already dead.
WOAHHHHHH
WOAH
UM
UM
UM
WH-WH-WHAT SHOULD WE USE IT ON ?
WH-WH-WHAT SHOULD WE DO ...?
PAPA...
YOUR PAPA AND I
WERE ASTOUNDED WHEN WE SAW THE ONE MILLION YEN BANK-BOOK.

FOREMOST LIFE SAVING MEDICAL CARE
BAM
24 HOUR SCENE OF LIFE
DOCTORS...
SINCE WE HAVE THIS MONEY
COULDN'T WE BECOME DOCTORS ?
Ooooh
SHIVER
WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT!
WHEN YOU SAID THAT A BOLT OF ELECTRICITY RAN THROUGH ME. AND I THOUGHT, "THAT'S IT!"
NO, THIS MUST BE A SIGN FROM GOD!
I was surprised myself as well
THE WORDS CAME OUT OF MY MOUTH ALL OF A SUDDEN
Squeal
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS SAYING?

HOW CAN TWO PEOPLE WHO TURN STORIES ABOUT THEMSELVES NEVER OPENING THEIR TEXT-BOOKS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL INTO SOME SORT OF WAR TALE POSSIBLY BECOME DOCTORS!?
DUMMY! THAT WAS ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL! BESIDES, I DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL!
HEY, I GRADUATED WITHOUT EVEN NEEDING TO OPEN ANY BOOKS! WHO KNOWS HOW GREAT I COULD'VE BEEN IF I HAD ACTUALLY OPENED ONE!
NO WAY, NO WAY, NO WAY, NO WAY, NO WAY
NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY YOU'VE GOT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO BUY YOUR WAY INTO THE MEDICAL FACULTY.
WE SHOULD JUST BUY A HOUSE AND BAIL OUT OF HERE.
MADOKA
WE WERE DELINQUENTS AND CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR OTHERS WHEN WE WERE YOUNG...
WE JUST LIVED OUR LIVES ONE DAY TO THE NEXT...
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE MARRIED AND WE HAD YOU, SO WE'RE REALLY HAPPY
BUT...

WE WANT TO TRY CHASING OUR DREAMS JUST THIS ONCE,
AND ACHIEVE SOMETHING WITH ALL OUR MIGHT
THOSE TWO GOT ALL EXCITED TOGETHER
IT'S ONE HUNDRED MILLION YEN
CAN'T THEY THINK IT OVER A BIT MORE SERIOUSLY?
MORNING, MADOKA.
BOOSH
THIS MONEY GAVE US THE CHANCE.
WE'LL DEFINITELY BECOME DOCTORS!!
AT ALL COST!

WELL, YOU SEE...
HM?
DID YOU FIGHT WITH YOUR PARENTS AGAIN?
OH MORNING MARI
WHAT HAPPENED?
WAH!
MY PARENTS ARE SUCH IDIOTS!
JERK
*On paper: Advice on how to live a bright life with a lot of money.
The pamphlet that is distributed to the candidates chosen for the sum of money to look as information for future reference on how to live on hereafter
THIS BOOK STATES THAT NOTHING GOOD WILL COME FROM BOASTING ABOUT IT!
WE'VE GOT TO KEEP THE ONE HUNDRED MILLION YEN LOTTERY WE WON A SECRET!
Entrance
B
K
T
Masaka's room
Hallway
Living room (parent's room)
Balcony
T = Toilet
B = Bathroom
K = Kitchen
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO HAVE A ROOM ALL TO YOURSELF?
YEAH, BUT...
WOW! NO WAY! THAT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT?
UH, WELL... SOME STUFF CAME UP AT MY DAD'S JOB, AND I MIGHT HAVE TO LIVE ON MY OWN

Hi, I'm Iketani Rikako

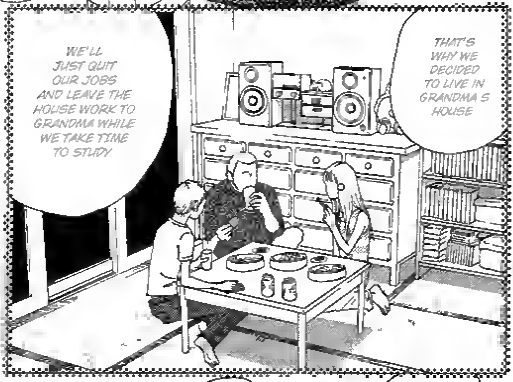
Nice to meet you

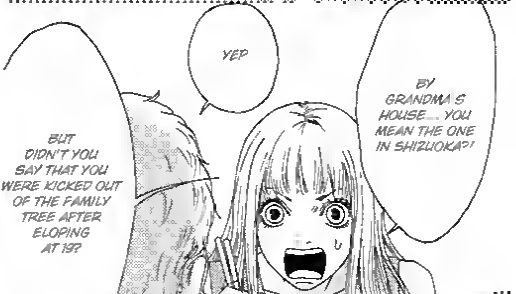
Now I will do a self introduction

I really like green onions and sake*!!

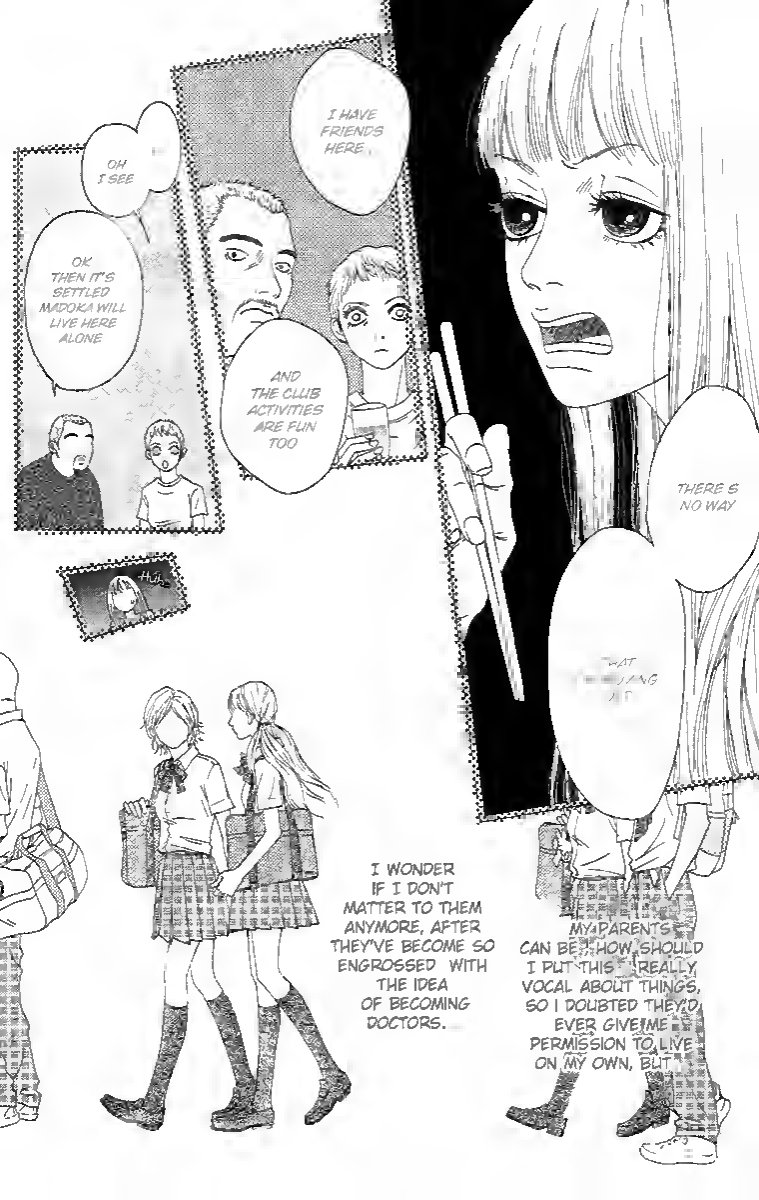
To be continued...

Note: Sake = Rice wine


WE'LL JUST QUIT OUR JOBS AND LEAVE THE HOUSE WORK TO GRANDMA WHILE WE TAKE TIME TO STUDY
THAT'S WHY WE DECIDED TO LIVE IN GRANDMA'S HOUSE


BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WERE KICKED OUT OF THE FAMILY TREE AFTER ELOPING AT 19?
YEP
BY GRANDMA'S HOUSE... YOU MEAN THE ONE IN SHIZUOKA?!

Mom... I'm so grateful for my folks I can almost cry
MY PARENTS TOO!! CHEERFULLY!!
WELL AFTER HEARING ABOUT OUR LUCK WITH THE LOTTERY, SHE WAS MORE THAN WILLING TO HELP!!


I HAVE FRIENDS HERE...
OH I SEE
OK THEN IT'S SETTLED MADOKA WILL LIVE HERE ALONE
AND THE CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE FUN TOO
Huh...
THERE IS NO WAY
I WONDER IF I DON'T MATTER TO THEM ANYMORE, AFTER THEY'VE BECOME SO ENGROSSED WITH THE IDEA OF BECOMING DOCTORS.
MY PARENTS CAN BE... HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS... REALLY VOCAL ABOUT THINGS, SO I DOUBTED THEY'D EVER GIVE ME PERMISSION TO LIVE ON MY OWN, BUT

MORNING, GOTOU-SAN, TAMURA-SAN.
...
MORNING, ONO-CHAN.

WHY ARE YOU IGNORING ONO-CHAN WHEN HE GREETS YOU?
I HATE THOSE POPULAR TYPES WHO ACT NICE AND COURTEOUS TO JUST ABOUT ANYONE.
IT JUST FEELS LIKE HE'S HIDING SOMETHING.
OR ELSE HE'S GOTTA BE SOME KINDA SICKO FOR GRINNING LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME.
BUT HE'S A NICE GUY AND EVERYONE LIKES HIM
THE FACT THAT EVERYONE LIKES HIM JUST PISSES ME OFF MORE
YOU'RE QUITE PRETTY, MADOKA, BUT I BET THE REASON WHY YOU CAN'T GET A BOYFRIEND'S BECAUSE OF THAT TWISTED PERSONALITY OF YOURS
LEAVE ME ALONE
THERE ARE A BUNCH OF GUYS LAMENTING BECAUSE YOUR FOUL MOUTH IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM HOW YOU LOOK
LIKE I CARE
BLAME MY FOLKS FOR MAKING ME ACT VULGAR.

BETWEEN THAT, THERE'S THE LIVING EXPENSES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
THERE'S THE PREP SCHOOL FEES AND TEACHING MATERIAL FEES FOR THE BOTH OF US
AND IF WE'RE ACCEPTED, THERE'S THE ENROLLMENT FEE AND TUITION...
WE'LL PROBABLY USE UP THE ONE HUNDRED MILLION YEN WITH ALL THAT
THEN THERE'S ALSO THE UNIVERSITY THING FOR YOU, MADOKA
AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS IT'LL TAKE
GLINT
BUT WE THINK THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO SPEND THE MONEY
SHOULD I GIVE THEM MY SUPPORT?

BUT CAN THOSE TWO SERIOUSLY STUDY?
I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM DO ANYTHING BUT PLAYING WITH SLOT MACHINES GOING TO HORSE RACES AND DRINKING SAKE
BUT I KNOW THEM TOO WELL
IT'D BE REALLY AMAZING EVEN IF IT'S JUST ONE OF THEM BECOMING A DOCTOR
...IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE TWO.

Tap
WOAH!
YOU'RE NOT GOING, GOTOU-SAN?
EVERYONE ON THE GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM IS GOING OUT TO EAT.
YEAH?
WELL, I HAVE TO GO HOME, SO...
DON'T TELL ME HE'S GOING TO FOLLOW ME TO THE TRAIN STATION JUST LIKE THAT?!
...HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?

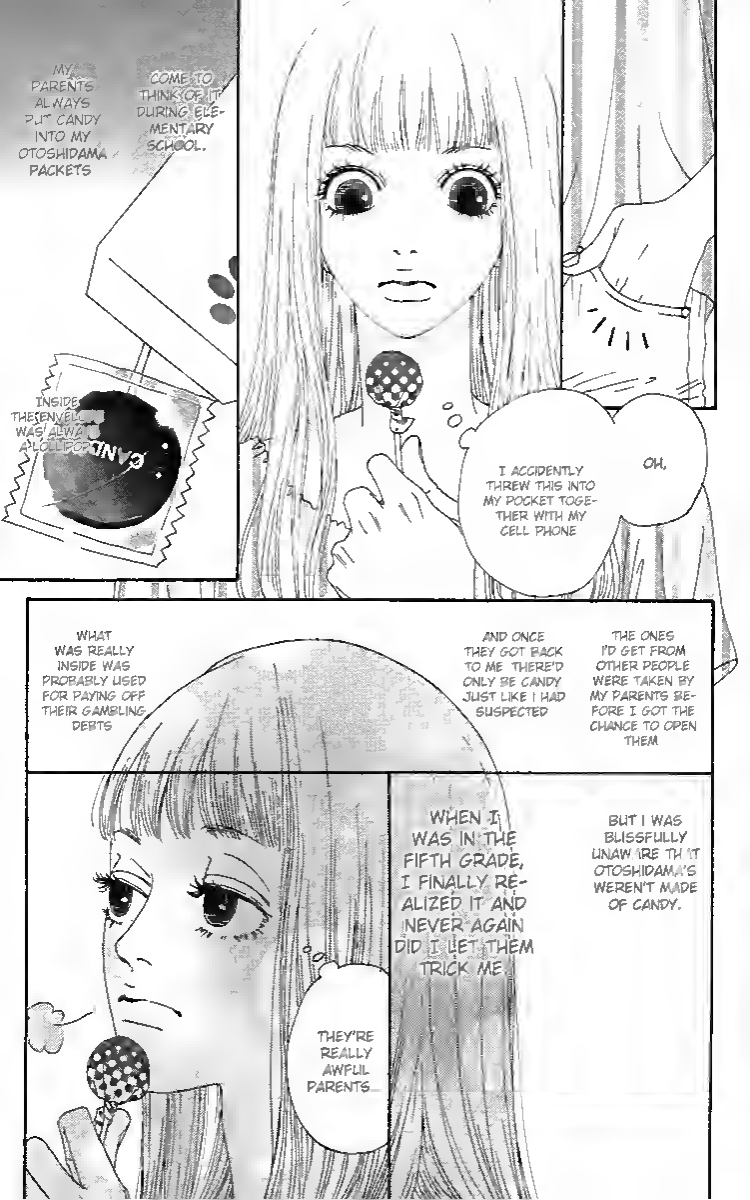
YEAH, I SHOULD!
SHOULD I WALK FASTER?
..HUH?
SO, GOTOU-SAN.
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT YOU HATING ME?
TAMURA-SAN TOLD ME
THAT YOU SAID THAT I SEEM TO HAVE ANOTHER SIDE TO ME?
M-MARI...YOU PUNK!! WHY THE HELL ARE YOU BLABBING TO HIM ABOUT IT?!
I WONDER HOW THAT GOT LEAKED OUT.

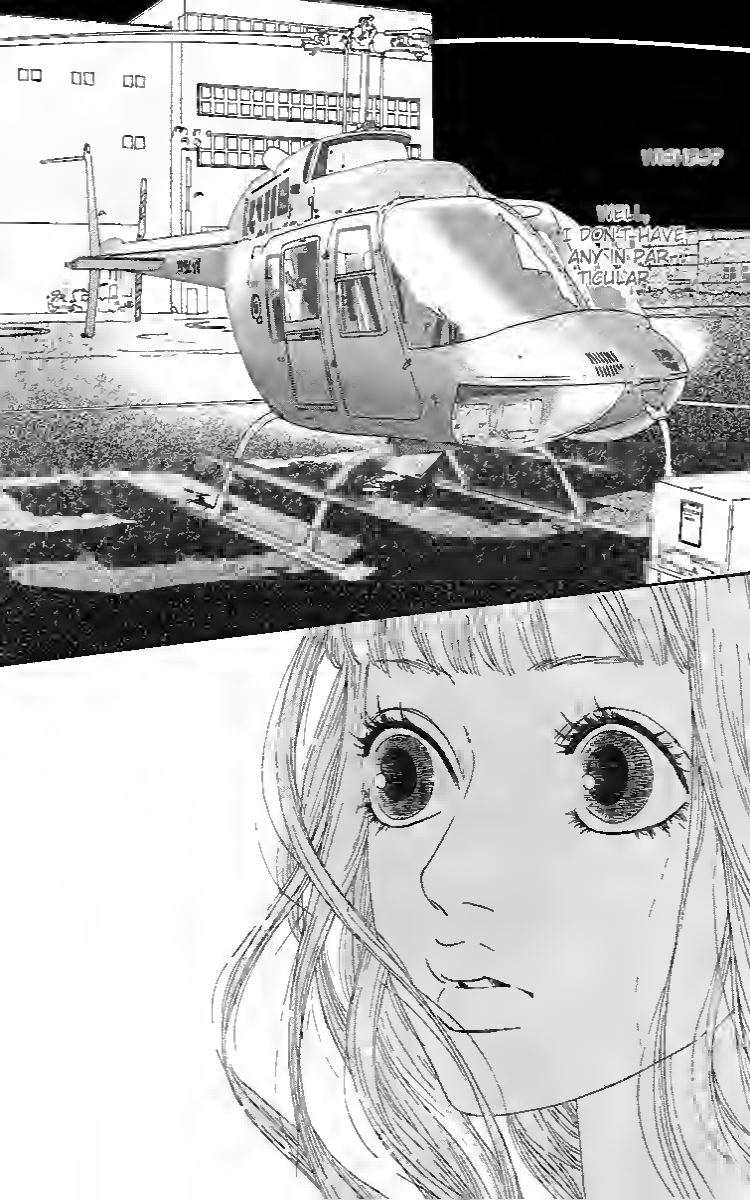
WHAT?
YOU CAN HAVE THIS
LATER.
HUH?

...I'M HOME
...THAT'S WHY...
WHEN YOU ADD HERE,
DON'T FORGET TO DO THE SAME WITH THE DENOMINATORS TOO
I KNEW IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE
P-A...
THEY... THEY'RE GOING TO START STUDYING FROM THERE?!
Adding fractions?!

WITH 3 AND 5, THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT.
HMMMM AAAAAH...
OH! IS...
IT'S IS RIGHT?
WAIT A SEC, WRITE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE ON MY PAPER.
YOU MULTIPLY THE TOP WITH THE SAME NUMBER TOO.
DO IT SLOWLY, SLOWLY.
YOU'LL MAKE A MISTAKE IF YOU RUSH YOURSELF.
...AT THIS RATE, WE REALLY WON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS IT'LL TAKE.
PAPA, MAMA, I'M HOME.
WE WANT TO TRY CHASING OUR DREAMS JUST THIS ONCE...
WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS IT'LL TAKE...

OH, HEY
YOU SCARED ME! WHEN DID YOU COME IN ANYWAY?!
OKAY! YOU'D BETTER GO AND CHANGE BECAUSE WE'RE HEADING OUT
HUH? WHERE TO?
JUST HURRY UP...
katunk
katunk
katunk
I AL-READY TOLD YOU!
IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT WITH MULTIPLICATION!
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING I LEARNED ABOUT FRAC-TIONS...
WHAT'S 7 X 6 AGAIN?
IGNORE THEM, JUST IGNORE THEM


MY PARENTS ALWAYS PUT CANDY INTO MY OTOSHIDAMA PACKETS
COME TO THINK OF IT DURING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WAS ALWAYS ALL POCKY
OH,
I ACCIDENTLY THREW THIS INTO MY POCKET TOGETHER WITH MY CELL PHONE
WHAT WAS REALLY INSIDE WAS PROBABLY USED FOR PAYING OFF THEIR GAMBLING DEBTS
AND ONCE THEY GOT BACK TO ME THERE'D ONLY BE CANDY JUST LIKE I HAD SUSPECTED
THE ONES I'D GET FROM OTHER PEOPLE WERE TAKEN BY MY PARENTS BEFORE I GOT THE CHANCE TO OPEN THEM
WHEN I WAS IN THE FIFTH GRADE, I FINALLY REALIZED IT AND NEVER AGAIN DID I LET THEM TRICK ME
BUT I WAS BLISSFULLY UNAWARE THAT OTOSHIDAMA'S WEREN'T MADE OF CANDY.
THEY'RE REALLY AWFUL PARENTS...


WELL, I DON'T HAVE ANY IN PAR-TICULAR

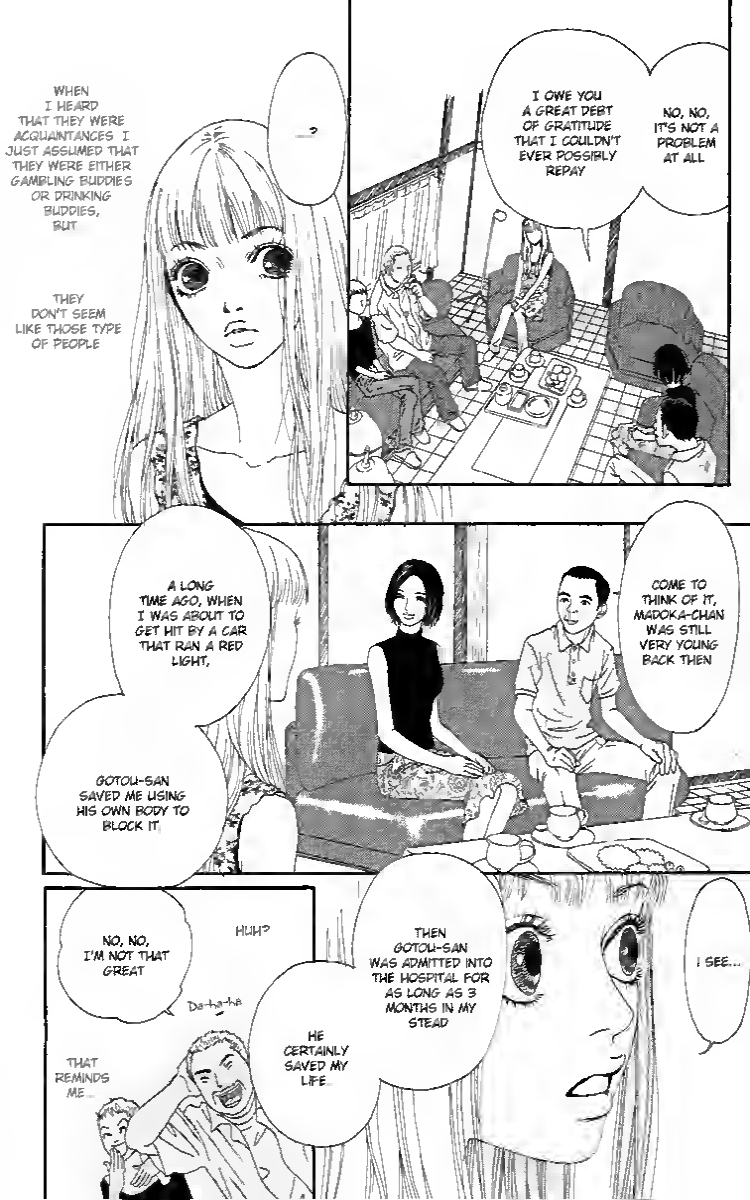
"AGAIN" YOU SAY...
WELL, WE JUST FIGURED
WE'D BE PUTTING YOU THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE AGAIN, SO...
SO YOU'RE AWARE THAT YOU GUYS CAN BE A PAIN IN THE BUTT, HUH?
thump thump

THIS IS AMAZING!!
IT'S SO PRETTY!!
HEY, ARE YOU GUYS EVEN LOOKING?
WOAHHHH
WOAHHHH
WOAHHHH

JUST DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANT.

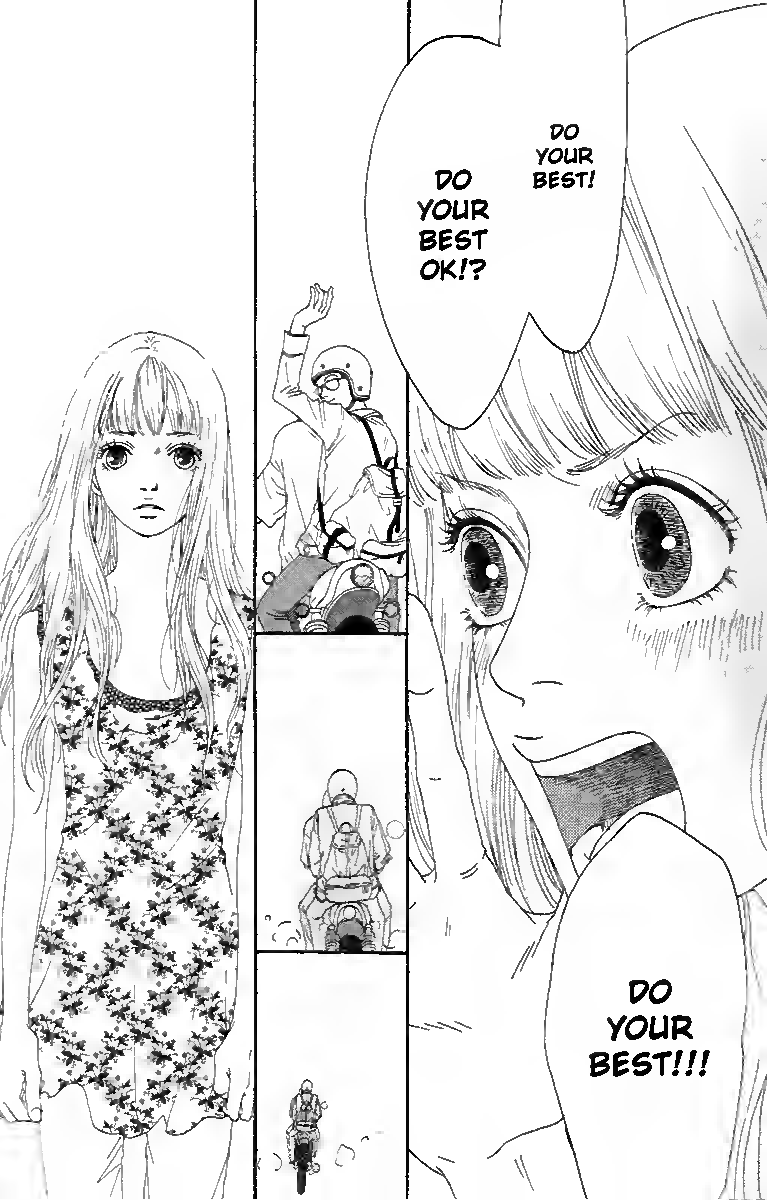
NO WAY, I DON'T WANT TO STAY AT SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE.
AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE AGREED TO LET YOU STAY AT THEIR PLACE
FREE-LODGING?
I'LL RENT AN APARTMENT AND LIVE ON MY OWN
BESIDES, EVEN IF IT'S IN SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR INDEPENDENCE PLUS, YOU'LL HAVE MEALS COOKED FOR YOU.
THERE'S NO WAY YOUR DAD WOULD ALLOW YOU TO LIVE ON YOUR OWN
I SAID NO, SO THAT MEANS NO!
THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US TO SHIZUOKA.
UGH
HN

PLEASE COME INSIDE. IT MUST'VE BEEN HOT.
AHHH, WELCOME GOTOU-SAN
UH... NICE TO MEET YOU...
HOW CAN YOU BOAST ABOUT SUCH A LOW-BROW HIGH SCHOOL...?
SHE'S IN HER SECOND YEAR AT NISHIZAWA HIGH SCHOOL!
AGAGI-SAN, I'LL BE LEAVING THIS DAUGHTER IN YOUR HANDS
I THINK THEY MENTIONED THAT THIS MAN'S PROFESSION IS IN MORTGAGES OR SOMETHING...
AND THIS LADY IS A BEAUTY
YOU'RE A REAL LIFE-SAVER.
WE JUST COULDN'T FIND A GOOD PLACE FOR OUR DAUGHTER SO SUDDENLY


WHEN I HEARD THAT THEY WERE ACQUAINTANCES I JUST ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE EITHER GAMBLING BUDDIES OR DRINKING BUDDIES, BUT
THEY DON'T SEEM LIKE THOSE TYPE OF PEOPLE
—?
I OWE YOU A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE THAT I COULDN'T EVER POSSIBLY REPAY
NO, NO, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL
A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO GET HIT BY A CAR THAT RAN A RED LIGHT,
GOTOU-SAN SAVED ME USING HIS OWN BODY TO BLOCK IT
COME TO THINK OF IT, MADOKA-CHAN WAS STILL VERY YOUNG BACK THEN
NO, NO, I'M NOT THAT GREAT
HUH?
Da-ha-ha
THAT REMINDS ME...
HE CERTAINLY SAVED MY LIFE
THEN GOTOU-SAN WAS ADMITTED INTO THE HOSPITAL FOR AS LONG AS 3 MONTHS IN MY STEAD
I SEE...

SORRY FOR ALL THE BOOKS THAT ARE LEFT HERE. THEY BELONG TO MY LATE FATHER
THERE'S ONLY A TOILET HERE, SO YOU CAN USE THE BATHTUB IN OUR HOUSE.
6 BY 4 AND A HALF MATS, HUH?
ISN'T IT AMAZING, MADOKA? YOU GET TO LIVE IN SUCH A SPACIOUS ROOM
IT'S SOMEWHAT DARK AND OLD HERE. AND GIVES ME THE CREEPS
Under this single roof, I wonder how many feet there are...
OKAY, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE TAKE OUR LEAVE
ALREADY?!
OH, BUT PLEASE STAY FOR DINNER.
NO, NO, THAT'S OK BECAUSE WE HAVE TO START WORKING IMMEDIATELY IN SHIZUOKA TOMORROW.
OH I SEE, JOB TRANSFERS ARE TROUBLESOME AREN'T THEY?
THAT'S BECAUSE WE CAN'T LET EVEN A SECOND OF STUDY TIME SLIP, OR ELSE IT'D BE BAD.

LATER
PAPA!
WE'RE LEAVING OUR DAUGHTER IN YOUR HANDS
MORU
MAMA!

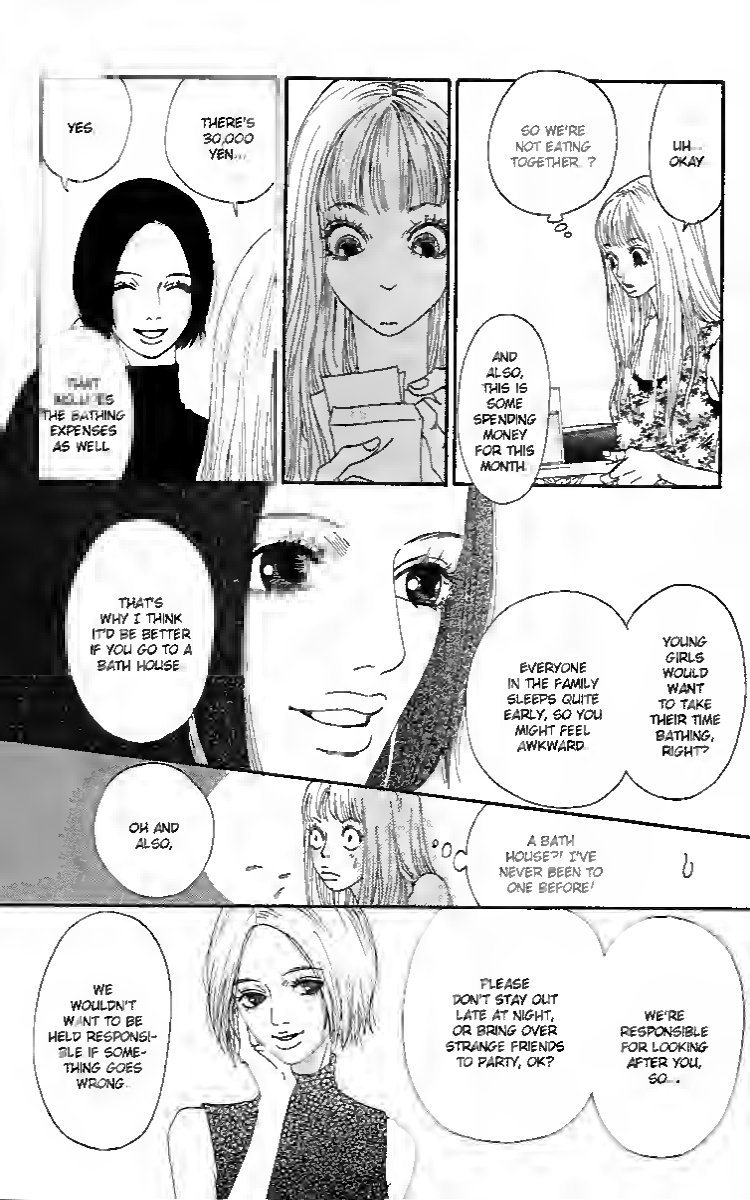

DO YOUR BEST!
DO YOUR BEST OK!?
DO YOUR BEST!!!

WELL
SINCE BOTH UNCLE AND AUNTIE SEEM LIKE NICE PEOPLE,
I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW
PAPA PAID THE ASAGI FAMILY...
IT'S A PAIN THAT I'M EVEN FARTHER AWAY FROM SCHOOL NOW, BUT...
I WONDER HOW MUCH THEY PAID FOR THE DEPOSIT
IT'D BE BAD TO ASK THEM TO MAKE ME LUNCH
KNUK
KLAK
IS THAT AUNTIE?!
SO WHEN SHE NEEDS SOMETHING SHE'LL JUST USE THE KEYS TO BARGE IN?!
HUP
CREAK

WHO'S THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID SUPPOSED TO BE ?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?
FREAKING SCREWING WITH ME, THAT OLD HAG!
DASH
I'M GOTOU, THE PERSON THAT'LL BE LIVING HERE FROM NOW ON
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
WHAT?! NO ONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS!
WAIT!
DON'T TELL ME HE'S ONE THE ASAGI FAMILY'S CHILDREN?
UM
MAMA!! WHAT'S WITH THAT GIRL?!

I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS!!
TOMO-CHAN, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO NEAR THE GUEST HOUSE?!
THAT PLACE IS OLD, AND IF AN EARTHQUAKE STRIKES, IT'LL BE DANGEROUS.
WHAT?!
YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR OWN BIG ROOM.
WHO IS SHE ANYWAY?!
SHE SAID SHE'S GOING TO BE LIVING IN THE GUEST HOUSE.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO CONCERN YOURSELF.
Don't go near ?
GEEZ...
I THOUGHT SHE WAS NICE AND BEAUTIFUL AT FIRST, BUT, WOW...
LISTEN TO ME, AND DON'T GO NEAR THAT PLACE, OKAY?

IS THIS PLACE GOING TO COLLAPSE IF AN EARTH-QUAKE HITS?
knock knock
YES?
MADOKA-SAN, IT'S DINNER TIME
UH, OKAY
CLATTER
EVEN IF I'M NOT GOING TO BE TERRIBLY FRIENDLY WITH HER I GUESS I SHOULD AT LEAST HELP
UMM
I'LL BRING YOUR DINNER HERE EVERYDAY AT AROUND SEVEN O'CLOCK SO,
WHEN YOU'RE OUT, I'LL LEAVE IT HERE, OK?
AND I'LL ALSO LEAVE THE TABLEWARE OUTSIDE IN THE MORNINGS AS WELL.
IN THE CASE THAT YOU DON'T NEED IT, PLEASE INFORM ME AHEAD OF TIME BY EMAILING ME

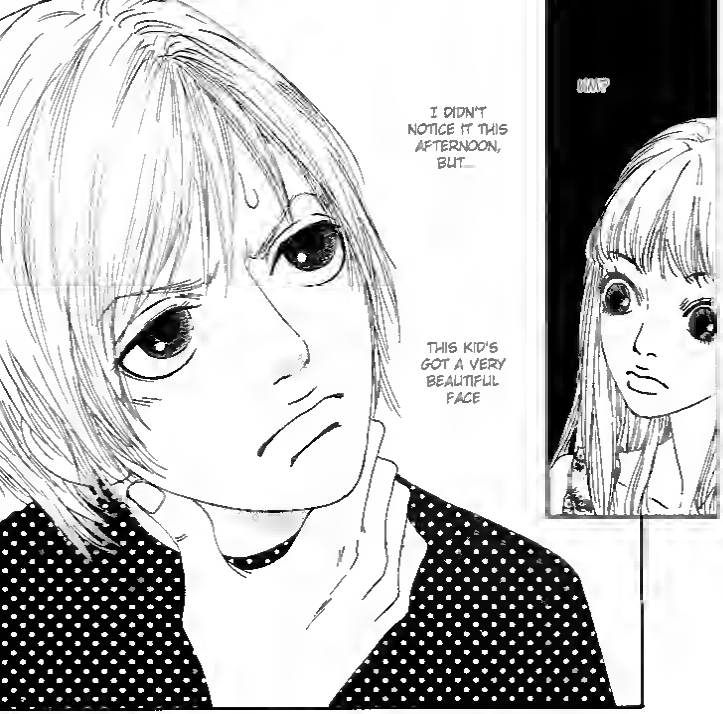

YES.
THERE'S 30,000 YEN...
THAT INCLUDES THE BATHING EXPENSES AS WELL.
SO WE'RE NOT EATING TOGETHER...?
UH... OKAY
AND ALSO, THIS IS SOME SPENDING MONEY FOR THIS MONTH.
THAT'S WHY I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU GO TO A BATH HOUSE.
EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY SLEEPS QUITE EARLY, SO YOU MIGHT FEEL AWKWARD.
YOUNG GIRLS WOULD WANT TO TAKE THEIR TIME BATHING, RIGHT?
OH AND ALSO,
A BATH HOUSE?! I'VE NEVER BEEN TO ONE BEFORE!
WE WOULDN'T WANT TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG.
PLEASE DON'T STAY OUT LATE AT NIGHT, OR BRING OVER STRANGE FRIENDS TO PARTY, OK?
WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOOKING AFTER YOU, SO...

WELL, THEN
UM ... BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE THE KEYS TO THIS PLACE
I'LL CHANGE THE KEYS FOR YOU
IN ANY CASE, I'M COUNTING ON YOU
GOOD NIGHT, MADOKA-SAN
OH, AND ONE MORE THING
DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO MY SON, EVEN IF HE COMES HERE
THUNK
SCRATCH

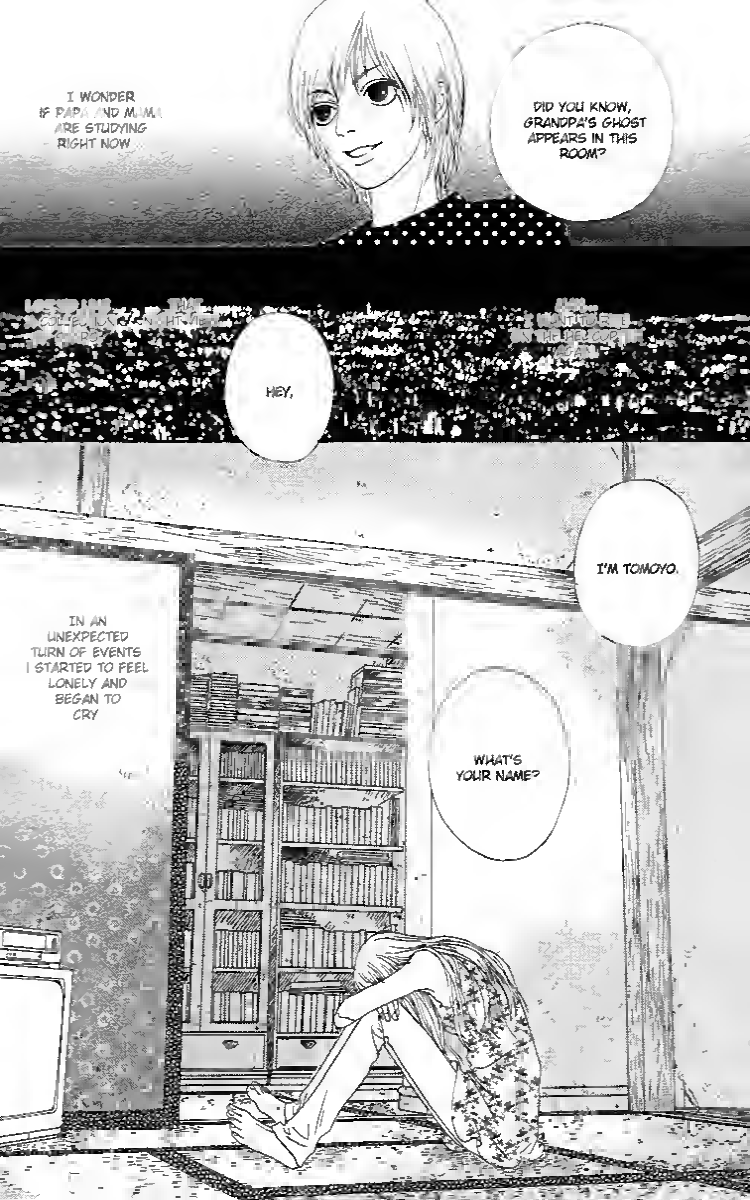
MAN, THIS IS GREAT!
EXCUUUUSE ME, ANOTHER PINT OF BEER PLEASE
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR DREAMS, WE'VE GOT TO USE OUR MONEY WISELY
NOT ONLY ARE APARTMENTS DANGEROUS, BUT WE'D HAVE TO PAY THE RENT
WE FOUND SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER MADOKA FOR JUST 40,000 YEN
I'm driving, so I can't drink
DRINK WHEN WE GET TO GRANNY'S HOUSE!
YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING ALL BY YOURSELF SINCE WE GOT HERE
HEY, THAT'S NOT FAIR.
DOO
DOO
THEN ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO DRINK!
WE'LL BE STUDYING STARTING TOMORROW, SO IT'S OK IF IT'S JUST FOR TODAY

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL BE DAMNED IF WE JUST PARTY HARDCORE TODAY ONLY.
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
THAT'S RIGHT... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY AROUND FOR YEARS AFTER THIS, SO...
WELL WE DO HAVE ONE HUNDRED MILLION YEN IN OUR HANDS, AND...
WE'LL STUDY REALLY HARD STARTING FROM TOMORROW, SO THAT WE CAN PASS REAL QUICK, THEN IT WON'T EVEN COST US THAT MUCH MONEY!
OF COURSE!! FOR THE SAKE OF OUR DREAMS AND MADOKA AS WELL, WE'LL GO FULL SPEED AHEAD STARTING TOMORROW!!
Yeah!!
JUST FOR TODAY!! TODAY WILL BE THE LAST TIME 'TIL THEN!!
...YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!!

SCREECH
CLINK
CLINK
THIS USED TO BE MY ROOM
DON'T JUST BARGE IN HERE
GEEZ, MAN, KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!!
YOU...
Mmph, Mmph.
SHUT UP, AND GET YOUR HANDS OFF OF ME!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD GET OUT!!
IF I WERE TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU, YOUR MOM'LL COME AFTER ME
SO GET OUT


I DIDN'T NOTICE IT THIS AFTERNOON, BUT...
THIS KID'S GOT A VERY BEAUTIFUL FACE
HMM?

HEY, CAN I EAT THIS?
NO!
CHEAP-SKATE!
OTHERWISE, NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD LET A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL LIVE ON HER OWN
YOU PROBABLY CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR YOUR PARENTS


I WONDER IF PAPA AND MAMA ARE STUDYING RIGHT NOW...
DID YOU KNOW, GRANDPA'S GHOST APPEARS IN THIS ROOM?
HEY,
I'M TOMOYO.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
IN AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS I STARTED TO FEEL LONELY AND BEGAN TO CRY

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...MY NAME IS...
MADOKA
IS THIS PHOTO FROM YOUR BASKET-BALL TEAM?
SNATCH!
DON'T LOOK AT MY STUFF WITHOUT PERMISSION!
I KNOW THAT GUY IN THE BACK...
THIS IS JUST A NORMAL, CLUB ACTIVITES PHO...
HUH?
THAT GUY'S HOUSE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
HE'S THE GRANDSON OF THAT LADY THAT TEACHES THE ZITHER*

T/N: A zither is a Japanese string instrument, very similar to the Chinese GuQin

HE'S IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?
UH...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW HIM, BUT...
HE COMES OVER ONCE IN A WHILE
SINCE HE'S THAT OLD HAG'S LOVER
THERE WAS A CALL FROM GRANDMA THE NEXT MORNING
Your parents said that they were coming yesterday, so I waited and waited, but they never showed up. What's going on?
AND SHE SAID SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES

Gotou Papa Mama